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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH WALDHEIM: NAMIBIA, GREECE,
TURKEY AND CYPRUS

1. FOLLOWING TELECON WITH UNDERSECY HABIB, AMBASSADOR BENNETT INFORMED WALDHEIM SATURDAY AFTERNOON THAT MCBRIDE FORMULA FOR NAMIBIA TALKS HAD NO ATTRACTION FOR US AND WE DID NOT SEE IT AS USEFUL PROPOSAL. BENNETT MADE CLEAR WE DID NOT REGARD MCBRIDE AS HELPFUL INFLUENCE AND THAT HIS EFFORTS PLAY ROLE IN SITUATION DID NOT FIND FAVOR WITH US. WALDHEIM TOOK THE POINT, ALTHOUGH HE WAFFLED A BIT BY RECALLING IT WAS BAROODY WHO FLOATED MCBRIDE PROPOSAL IN SC AND SAYING THAT HE WALDHEIM HAD PICKED IT UP IN HIS DESIRE TO LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED TO BE HELPFUL TO SECSTATE. HE AGAIN PAID WARM TRIBUTE TO SECSTATE'S ACTIVITY ON PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE EXPRESSED SAME VIEW AS HAD SC PRES AKHUND LAST EVENING THAT SC CAN BE EXPECTED BE QUIET FOR NEXT FEW DAYS (NO MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY AFTERNOON) AND THAT MEMBERS ARE GENERALLY STANDING BY TO AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVED IN SECSTATE'S EFFORTS. BENNETT EMPHASIZED THAT ANY ATTEMPT AT A RESOLUTION WITH CHAPTER VII LANGUAGE WOULD MEET A US VETO ALONG WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH, WHO HAVE BEEN TAKING THAT POSITION WITH OTHER SC MEMBERS.

2. WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD JUST COME FROM LUNCH WITH BITSIOS. LATTER HAD TOLD HIM HIS TALK YESTERDAY WITH CALANUNGIL HAD GONE WELL IN FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. THE TWO FOREIGN

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MINISTERS WERE MAKING PLANS FOR ANOTHER MEETING. WALDHEIM

EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AN EASING OF GREEK-TURKISH TENSIONS OVER
AEGEAN MATTERS WOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT ON CYPRUS SITUATION.
IN LATTER CONNECTION, BITSIOS HAD TOLD HIM CYPRIOTS HAVE
NO PLANS FOR FIERY GA DEBATE (SIC). ACCORDING BITSIOS, THEY
WANT REAFFIRMATION OF LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION AND DO NOT
INTEND SEEK HARDER LANGUAGE THAN BEFORE. AS HE HAD DONE
EARLIER WITH US, BITSIOS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION TO SYG OVER
PRINCIPLES FOR CYPRUS SETTLEMENT EXPOUNDED IN SECSTATE'S
ADDRESS TO GA.
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